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Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: WT Docket 02-100, ex parte communication

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On January 24, 2003, the following representatives of Anne Arundel County met with Barry Ohlson, Legal Advisor to Commissioner Adelstein, and with Gary Oshinsky and Jeff Steinberg of the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau staff:

Linda Schuett, County Attorney  
Jay Cuccia, Director of Communications  
Spurgeon Eismeier, Jr., Director of Inspections and Permits

The undersigned also participated on behalf of the County.

Generally, the County representatives reviewed with Mr. Ohlson developments since 1998 in Anne Arundel's efforts to discern the causes of and mitigate commercial wireless provider interference to the County's public safety radio system. We reported that a frequency swap arrangement with Nextel is close to final agreement and that a contract has been signed for substantial upgrades to the public safety radio system. Mr. Cuccia indicated that of 61 "dead spots" originally identified as zones of public safety communication failure, 38 appear to have been resolved but the balance continue as problem areas.

The County informed Messrs. Steinberg and Oshinsky of the process by which wireless sites are certified when new construction or additions are requested, as well as the means of certifying existing sites that are not changing. In particular, we responded to recent ex parte

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communications submitted by Sprint and T-Mobile. We observed that pending certifications of existing sites do not, by their nature, delay any carrier's growth plans, and that at least four carriers, including Sprint and T-Mobile, had been granted building permits in the period since March 2002 when the County's revised wireless siting ordinance became effective.

Sincerely,

James R. Hobson  
Counsel to Anne Arundel County

cc: Barry Ohlson; Gary Oshinsky